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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 8288

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FONMIN KHADDAM

1. SYRIAN MEDIA DEC. 2 ISSUED TERSE STATEMENT ANNOUNCING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FONMIN KHADDAM WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED AFTERNOON DEC. 1 WHILE KHADDAM WAS DRIVING WITH HIS WIFE IN DAMASCUS SUBURB. OFFICIAL RELEASE INDICATED HE FIRED UPON AND WOUNDED IN ARM, BUT NOW IN GOOD HEALTH FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE HOSPITALIZATION. STATEMENT NOTED THAT AUTHORITIES TRACKING DOWN PERPETRATORS OF CRIME.

2. COMMENT: WE AS YET HAVE OBTAINED NO FURTHER DETAILS OF INCIDENT. OFFICIAL STATEMENT, HOWEVER, OBSERVES THAT ASSASSINS MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE FROM SCENE OF CRIME. LOCAL SPECULATION WILL PRESUMABLY FOCUS UPON IRAQIS, PALESTINIANS OR HOME-GROWN DISSIDENTS AS RESPONSIBLE
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FOR SHOOTING. THIS IS FIRST ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

ON SENIOR SARG OFFICIAL WE AWARE OF SINCE MID-OCTOBER,
WHEN THREE MEMBERS OF BAATH PARTY REGIONAL COMMAND WERE
ATTACKED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS (DAMASCUS 7003 AND 7032).
KHADDAM IS ALSO MEMBER OF RC. BASED UPON SARG RELEASE,
IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT, AS SOURCE IN DAMASCUS 7032 SUGGESTED,
ATTACKERS HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR CAPABILITY TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL PLANS TO SOME KEY
OFFICIALS.
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